CARMEL AREA STATE PARKS GENERAL PLAN AND EIR

Public Workshop #1/EIR Scoping Meeting – April 18, 2012 Summary of Comments Received

The following is a summary of written comments received at the public workshop on April 18, 2012 or in the form of mailed comment cards following the workshop. The comments are summarized by park unit and topic, as presented during the public workshop.

POINT LOBOS STATE NATURAL RESERVE (PLSNR)

PROCESS

Environmental concerns:

- Keep this property as a Reserve; preserve as is
- Parking for PLSNR is an environmental concern

RESOURCES

Key resources include:

- Quiet reserve aspects
- Value the Whalers Cove Cabin with cultural exhibits about the Cove
- Protect all viewsheds

RECREATION

Current uses enjoyed include:

Easy-access trails

Desired future uses include:

- The Natural Reserve should not be changed in order to preserve this unique area and its natural resources; no change in use or net new development
- Parking; parking areas need to be graded or marked, or additional parking developed

Avoid future uses such as:

- Avoid commercialism, keep the Reserve wild and natural
- Do not allow a zip line on the Reserve

Desired future facilities:

- Parking Improve and enhance parking near easy-access trails; need parking; provide parking on the east side of Highway 1 for the Reserve, not on the highway; provide safe, off-highway parking for walk-in visitors; provide parking at Hudson House and Rat Hill
- <u>Shuttle</u> Use a shuttle (could be electric bus) to move people from area to area and between the Reserve and Point Lobos Ranch, or to connect parking to the parks (many comments); conduct a thorough feasibility study and cost analysis on providing shuttle service through the Reserve and eliminating most personal vehicles
- <u>Trails</u> Plan for a walking trail parallel to the road to the information station; provide off-road walking trails for walk-in visitors from the highway to the Sea Lion Point parking lot, well-marked to encourage visitors to avoid walking along the road; add a walking path next to the road through the park, as right now it is a hazard with cars and pedestrians
- Convert the Hudson House area into an entry point for walk-in visitors and an interpretive center (many comments)

- Plan for safe [pedestrian] crossing from the Reserve to/from Point Lobos Ranch (overpass/underpass/tunnel) (several comments)
- Swap the locations of the Bird Island parking lot and picnic area to improve the view for picnickers
- Provide another information station at the Bird Island picnic area, staffed by docents this would enhance the visitor experience
- No new structures built in either west or east Point Lobos, except for environmental protection or human safety
- Improve interpretive materials for the Marine Reserve. People in the area don't know it's there

CARMEL RIVER STATE BEACH (CRSB)

RESOURCES

Key resources include:

- Most valued resources are access to uncrowded beach and bay/ocean, scenery, benches
- Value the natural setting of Carmel River State Beach for beach activities
- · Beauty of lagoon, beach and surrounding area
- Value recreational resources surrounding the beach
- Value wildlife resources in the lagoon wetlands
- Continue with the restoration of Carmel Lagoon area
- State Parks should take the lead in developing a management plan for the lagoon. This will require common sense and compromise by all agencies who heretofore have pursued individual agendas. The lagoon management plan must include protection of the homeowners bordering the lagoon, preservation of the habitat for endangered species, and development of recreation areas for the citizens of California, including parking, beach facilities, and restrooms. The lagoon management plan must include a bulldozer capability as needed to the South to protect Scenic Drive—must avoid any repeat of devastating northern route of several years ago.
- Develop a management plan for the lagoon as part of their general plan which will preserve the beach, lagoon, parking lot, homes, road, and bathrooms human beings are a part of the environmental also
- Balance the needs of plants and animals with the needs of visitors. Priority given to a single species (steelhead) has damaged the park. At least develop a multi-species plan (include humans).
- Carmel River State Beach is underutilized and under protected. This is a valuable resource that is in disrepair. Restrooms are closed and access is impaired. No parking available.

RECREATION

Current uses enjoyed include:

- Bird watching
- Picnicking
- Painting by the lagoon
- Walking on beach; walking and enjoying the uncrowded clean beach and lagoon

Desired future uses include:

- Have a docent program like the one at the Reserve with a small center next to the restroom.
 (several comments)
- Provide walking trail from Carmel State Beach to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve
- Minimal change

- Restoration and rehabilitation of historic structures
- Take school children to lagoon to study and observe birds, various life cycles, etc.
- Kayaking in the lagoon, hiking and viewing
- Restore access to the beach
- Guided walks (charge for these)

Avoid future uses such as:

Do not allow a zip line

FACILITIES

Current facilities:

- Save/keep the Carmel River State Beach parking lot. (many comments)
- Save/keep the Carmel River State Beach restroom. (many comments)
- Trails
- Parking
- Access to beaches
- Repair stairs to Carmel River Beach for easier accessibility
- Furnish parking near the Bay School with improved (safer) access onto Highway 1
- Install warning systems to alert casual visitors to the extreme surf danger at Monastery Beach
- CRSB is missing access steps have been destroyed and not repaired

Desired future facilities:

- Public restroom (many comments); needs 2 full restrooms
- Additional off-street parking. (many comments)
- Drinking water/drinking fountain. (many comments)
- Access: Need better access; access to the beach from the parking lot for the physically challenged and elderly; seasonal boardwalks (when the river is not flooding) to let people walk along the river at certain times of the year; provide a way to walk from Mission Trail Park across Rio Road and down across the river; provide a gate for walkers from Monastery Beach into Point Lobos State Natural Reserve; better access with another stairway towards south along Scenic Road above lagoon, bench near existing stairway; construct a foot/bike bridge above the sewer pipe to connect the beach area to the Odello field area; develop limited hiking trails for nature walks on the Odello field; open the trails in the wetlands extending to Highway 1.
- Provide viewing platforms on the edge of the lagoon
- Find and implement a permanent solution to the annual problem of potential flooding and rapid flushing of the lagoon. Until a permanent solution can be implemented, construct a weir across the lagoon side-arm of the river to prevent rapid flushing when the beach sandbar is breached. (Note that when the newer part of the lagoon was dug a few years ago it repeatedly filled with ground water until the dam at its mouth was removed.) Once the permanent solution has been implemented, repair the Carmelo Street parking lot
- Provide farming/habitat restoration signage
- Habitat restoration interpretive walkway along Scenic Road
- Need an environmentally-friendly way to keep water in lagoon, rather than an ugly toxic berm. Find engineers that are competent to determine the best way to allow water to flow freely without destroying property. We already pay a huge sum to the state in income and property tax. As we have had to spend thousands of dollars in less than five years, due to flooding; find alternative ways (natural) that will prevent the recurrence.
- Protect Scenic Road from river erosion and the lagoon homes from flooding

- Changing areas
- Clearly delineate parking at Monastery Beach
- No need for visitor centers, paved parking lots, or vendors selling gift shop items

POINT LOBOS RANCH (PLR)

PROCESS

Environmental concerns:

- Concern about impacts of automobile access to Point Lobos Ranch: increased traffic, roadways, and parking lots (several comments)
- Concern about increased fire danger from increased public access (several comments)
- EIR needs to include a detailed archaeological survey of the facilities, as well as evaluation of
 potentially eligible cultural resources. This should be prepared by qualified individuals with
 experience in local archaeology and prehistory.
- Address local history, historic resources, and Native American concerns
- Do not allow the beautiful scenery of the Monterey pine forest to be diminished
- Don't allow commercial exploitation (e.g., zip line). It would be obtrusive in the quiet, natural area, and inappropriate

RESOURCES

Key resources include:

- Mountain Lion Preserve at Point Lobos Ranch (several comments)
- The Point Lobos Ranch acquisition was funded by the "Mountain Lion bill" (Prop. 117). Increased use is inconsistent with mountain lion and wildlife habitat; mountain lions have moved back into these areas and play a valuable role as a top predator. Their presence should be encouraged, not thwarted by encouraging more access by the general public.
- Point Lobos Ranch was purchased with funds aimed at preserving wildlife in California.
 Maintaining open animal habitats is a priority.
- Value natural habitat and ecosystems
- Saving the Gowen cypress is important; pygmy forest
- Intact pine forest
- Marine chaparral
- San Jose Creek watershed is important native plant habitat with excellent riparian resources and peaceful area removed from human impacts.
- Rare plants, animals and Native American burial sites should be honored.
- <u>Cultural resources</u>: Point Lobos Ranch contains one of the largest and most significant and
 unique archaeological sites on the central coast. There are several another associated sites as
 well; There is [an] area in the Point Lobos Ranch property that needs to be considered as either
 an additional cultural preserve or reserve with a focus on California Indian interpretation and
 preservation of traditional practices (the Hudson Mounds as it is locally known); cultural
 preserve or reserve designation in an appropriate area.

RECREATION

Current uses enjoyed include:

Leave the park for hiking, camping, horseback riding, and biking

Desired future uses include:

• Should be open to the public, with walking/hiking trails, educational interpretive signs, animal-

- proof trash cans, benches, and no zip lines (many comments)
- Trails: Include a hiking trail to the summit of Huckleberry Hill (several comments); include a trail (bicycle/pedestrian) connecting Point Lobos Ranch to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve; provide hiking trails along Hwy. 1 to provide access to Point Lobos State Reserve, provide hiking in the hills; trail access up San Jose Creek through both large parcels of Point Lobos Ranch; connect San Jose Creek area with pygmy forest; trails to connect Huckleberry Hill to San Jose Creek; provide equestrian and hiking trails;; develop hiking and horse trails in the back country; provide a trail up San Jose Creek area, extending dirt road; expand trails eastward; hiking (single-track is fine).
- Passive hiking and wildflower viewing; availability for hiking and interacting
- Bird watching
- Science camp/family camp facility
- Educational and family camping area, near highway
- California Indian cultural events and interpretation
- Keep wild and natural, with only trails and possibly a primitive campground added.
- Provide visitor access for activities such as a day camp and hiking.
- Passive uses

Avoid future uses such as:

- Do not allow a zip line. (many comments)
- Do not allow disturbing activities. San Jose Creek is a tranquil area to be preserved.
- Don't destroy Point Lobos Ranch to pave parking lots.
- No parking lots or visitor centers. No vendors selling gifts or recreation.
- Hiking trails on Point Lobos Ranch could cause issues with people wandering into private back yards on the Riley Ranch.

FACILITIES

Desired future facilities:

- Hiking trails (many comments)
- Old ranch buildings at Point Lobos Ranch could be converted to educational facilities for nature and environmental study by children and others. (several comments)
- Could add a parking lot near Monastery Beach.
- Possible overnight stays in historic buildings unless they are to be used as employee houses.
- Improved hiking access to Point Lobos Ranch
- Outdoor education camp
- Off-highway parking for Point Lobos State Natural Reserve
- Avoid commercialism
- Allow equestrian trails with linkage to Palo Corona (Fish Ranch).
- Provide hiking trail to pygmy forest and beyond.
- Low-impact campground
- Develop a campground limited to tents and small RVs to minimize noise. This would also bring in revenue.
- Provide water and bathrooms
- No trails and no public access in the Point Lobos Ranch property.
- All Indian sites to be respected and preserved, no public access. All areas along the San Jose creek to be preserved and no public access.

OTHER

• Make it a goal to acquire the Whisler property in San Jose Creek so that the two large parcels in

- San Jose Creek can be connected at least by an easement. It would be better as a single park unit.
- Need to do trail work and maintenance to control invasive plants; vital to control cape ivy in San Jose Creek wildflower fields.
- Add an entrance fee for passive hiking in San Jose Creek watershed.

HATTON CANYON

PROCESS

Environmental concerns:

Concern about increased fire danger from increased public access (several comments)

RESOURCES

- Preserve and maintain the delicate ecological uniqueness and diverse habitat of flora and fauna and native Monterey pine forest (many comments)
- Most valued resources are the wildlife corridor, unique and varied flora and fauna, water sources, endangered and migratory species. (many comments)
- Hatton Canyon is another cultural resource area with Native Californians living there into the 20th century.
- Eradicate invasive plant species

RECREATION

Current uses enjoyed include:

 Walking, hiking, bird watching, current passive and low-impact use, quiet, natural beauty, nature study, birds, walking dogs on leashes, no motorized vehicles (many comments)

Desired future uses include:

- Extend bike/pedestrian trail from Hatton Canyon trail to Point Lobos State Natural Reserve (many comments)
- Educational interpretive signs of flora and fauna, benches (many comments)
- Create paved bicycle path on Hatton Canyon (several comments)
- Open trail to Carpenter Street with future connection to Regional Park and Jacks Peak Park

FACILITIES

Desired future facilities:

- Animal-proof trash cans, regular supervision, benches, continued fire suppression (many comments)
- Restroom (several comments)
- Provide a paved bike trail through Hatton Canyon to provide a way to travel from Carmel Valley
 Road to the Carmel High School so that bike riders do not have to travel on dangerous Highway
 One. Then extend the bike trail all the way north to eventual connect around Highway one and
 Highway 68; provide a hike and bike trail from Carmel Valley Road to Carpenter as an alternative
 to riding bikes on Highway 1.
- Enhanced access to hiking/biking trails from local communities, such as those adjacent to Hatton Canyon
- Keep and improve hiking trails.

Avoid future facilities such as:

• Do not pave Hatton Canyon as paving would destroy the habitat and fundamentally change the ecological environment. (many comments)

• Eliminate current and special events (Halloween, Christmas trees, etc). It's inconsistent with State Park values and Highway 1 view shed/coastal protection.

OTHER

- Identify/rename Hatton Canyon as "The Hatton Canyon Preserve" (many comments)
- The mitigation of plantings at the mouth of Hatton Canyon by TAMC has actually improved the habitat and is well-maintained at this point.
- Hatton Canyon shouldn't be a State Park. Maybe a County park?

GENERAL

PROCESS

Environmental concerns:

- Meeting/planning status notices: Provide notices/articles/reports/updates in local publications, including Monterey County Herald, Carmel Pine Cone, KSBW TV, public radio stations, News for Native California, SCA Newsletter and Journal (many comments); include an article in local papers a feature about the progress; use radio, newspapers, and organizations to reach public; provide press releases with accurate information; advertise for meetings and events on Craigslist; mail updates to residents on the General Plan progress; use interactive media to include people from home (example: broadcast on internet and gather online poll information); contact through email; send out meeting notices earlier.
- <u>Public comments</u>: Send copies of the comment card to local newspapers and TV and ask them to print an announcement so that those not attending can still comment; could have a survey or comment card that could be filled out online, rather than wasting paper, stamps, etc.; reach out through an online survey; KSBN should announce the online survey.
- <u>Cultural resources</u>: Have State Parks hold a face-to-face consultation with all local California
 tribes to discuss their issues, concerns, and suggestions for what they want to see in the parks;
 the cultural resources in these parks represent both prehistoric and historic landscapes that are
 layered. Full consideration of the potential impacts and cumulative impacts need to be
 addressed in this document; cultural heritage and history of the area; be sure you follow CEQA,
 especially on Native California heritage sites.
- Accelerate the process so it doesn't take years to get things done.
- EIR should address access by people with dogs
- Address parking and/or public transportation
- Less committees, more decisions
- Docents should have forms (in English and Spanish) to provide to local visitors and to the parents/teachers who visit from "less advantaged" schools in Salinas and other areas. They love Point Lobos and should have a say. Or ask Melissa Gobell [docent coordinator] for list of schools that have brought kids through the PLF program and send forms to participating teachers.

Environmental concerns:

- Include specific CEQA guidelines (many comments)
- Erosion from bikes
- Sand erosion mitigation
- Wetland/bird nesting preservation
- Concern about possibility of toxic hazard if a vinyl wall is used in the beautiful, natural
 ecosystem, including the leaching of the material into the environment as well as the
 degradation of this material over time due to environmental elements.

- [User] Capacity
- Protecting the areas rare plants/trees, etc
- Non-concession use of county and State parks
- Wildlife, private property rights, and invasive plants and weeds
- Concern about impact of any development, trails included, on wildlife and endangered species (including bobcats, mountain lions, birds of prey)

RESOURCES

Key resources include:

- Natural beauty; natural beauty of the land (many comments)
- Scenic views/view sheds; scenery. (many comments)
- Maintain cultural and natural heritage; non-renewable cultural resources; natural history of all areas this area is a treasure; the history of the area (many comments).
- Preserve and maintain the delicate ecological uniqueness and genetic diversity habitat of flora and fauna; preserve natural flora and fauna with minimal disturbance; preserve all native habitats; preserve ecological and aesthetic assets; native species biodiversity; unmolested nature, quiet natural scenery; preserving the natural landscapes; healthy, resilient ecosystems (many comments)
- Open space (several comments)
- Quiet; opportunities for reflection and solitude (several comments)
- Rare plant communities, such as marine meadows, cypress groves, and Monterey pine forests
- 40+ species of breeding birds plus migrating species
- Keep the area as wild and pristine as possible; experience of wild nature; wildlife.
- Accessibility; accessibility to special natural wonders Point Lobos, Soberanes Point, Lime Kiln campsite
- Hiking trails: key resources are walking and hiking trails; access to natural areas via hiking trails.
- Preserve our indigenous/nearly pristine forest of *Pinus radiata* and Bishop Pine, a unique (nearly) habitat that has been so drastically rescued in Monterey and Pebble Beach; the Monterey pine forest and associated habitat
- Clean air, pristine ocean, rocky shore, sandy beach, flora and fauna

RECREATION

Current uses enjoyed include:

- Bird watching (many comments)
- Photography (many comments)
- Hiking; hiking, both easy and difficult trails; walking; scenic hiking trails (several comments)
- Access to beaches
- Animal watching
- Cycling
- Beach picnicking
- There are already many places for coastal and inland hiking.
- History

Desired future uses include:

- Horseback riding (many comments)
- Hiking (many comments)
- Bird watching (several comments)
- Estuary walks. (several comments)

- Biking (several comments)
- Beach walks
- Environmental education focus for existing properties
- Tide pools
- Low-impact recreational uses
- Nothing is missing in outdoor recreational activities that could be added without significant impact on the natural and cultural values that exist in the parks.
- Have naturalists lead hikes so we can learn about nature, animals, insects and plants.
- Kayaking
- Camping with horses
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Continue to allow for historic uses, including ranching/cattle grazing.
- Provide interpretation for the unique cultural sites within and immediately adjacent to State properties.
- Keep present environmental restrictions at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and Carmel River Beach.
- All four areas are great for walking, hiking, bird and animal watching, wildflowers, general nature study and contemplation.
- Bike or walking paths to discourage cars
- Botanizing
- All Carmel Area State Parks should remain in natural condition. No recreation allowed which requires structures or defacement of natural terrain.
- Passive recreation only
- Picnicking
- Scheduled guided tours age-specific

Avoid future uses such as:

- Do not allow a zip line. (many comments)
- Do not allow mountain bikes.
- Nothing besides walking trails or riding bikes (not on trails).

FACILITIES

Current facilities:

- Trails (many comments)
- Parking (several comments)
- Available and clean restrooms
- Coastal pathways and beach access

Desired future facilities:

- Equine/horse trails (many comments)
- Provide parking for horse trailers at trail heads. (several comments)
- Bike parking racks
- Create parking lot off Highway 1 and charge for parking.
- Keep undeveloped, natural, and accessible with a low impact trail system
- Overnight camping facilities for youth/families/educational purposes
- Connectivity between communities and the open space that surrounds them Jack's Peak,
 Mission Trail, State Beach at the Meadows, Palo Corona, Point Lobos, Garland Park, Del Monte

- Forest, Hatton Canyon.
- Construct trails in a way that is compatible with sustaining Park ecosystems and biodiversity.
- Contact Fort Ord/Marina Equestrian Center for support in horseback riding.
- Greater hiking opportunities
- Improve safety of the Rio Road to Carmel Highlands corridor by reducing the speed limit to 45 mph on this entire stretch (eliminating the 55 mph section). Unsafe points with frequent close calls include the Ribera Road intersection, access to the Bay School, Monastery Beach, and the entrance to Point Lobos.
- Improve the walk/bike connectivity from the Rio Road area to Point Lobos.
- Horse camping sites
- Limit parking in well-defined areas not near cultural sites.
- Simple parking, trails, and restrooms using as much natural material as possible (no rip-rap). No vinyl flood walls. Use local stone.
- Converting and improving existing buildings should be the goal, not new construction in pristine areas.
- Confine infrastructure to degraded areas, aim for safety along the Highway 1 corridor
- Basic infrastructure for health, safety and access
- Working toilets and hand washing facilities
- Well-maintained and well-graded trails

Avoid future facilities such as:

- Don't change a thing except for parking and a visitor center
- No commercial ventures (beyond guide books, maps)
- Campgrounds should be placed at Fort Ord, not Point Lobos Ranch

OTHER

- The cultural education program with the River School is terrific!
- Need to resolve safety issue between equine and bike use
- No parking on Highway 1; extremely dangerous
- Show other preserved properties on maps, such as BSLT or Palo Corona lands.
- At future meetings, it would be helpful to have questions/answers and discussion about each of the areas (limit each person to 5 minutes).
- Keep all California State Beaches open to public as intended by our tax dollars paid through the years.
- Everybody (myself included) in this meeting appeared to be 55 years old and more (much more). What is the interest of youth? It would be interesting to do a similar meeting in Salinas asking residents/taxpayers there what they would like. We need to think of other demographics not only the Carmel crowd.
- In all park areas the issue of invasive plants must be addressed. Fire as a tool for controlling invasive plants should be considered.
- Camp SEA Lab is fully prepared to be involved if called upon (re: possible science camp/family camp).
- Provide parking alternatives for current cars parked at Point Lobos on Highway 1.
- Parking for access to other areas (i.e., Palo Corona)
- Ask the Society for CA Archaeology for comments.
- Ask the State Office of Historic Preservation for comments.
- Concerned about fire hazard related to zip line use
- Make sure everyone and everything is following CEQA standards.

- Engage the local indigenous communities in a formal consultation process to assist in interpretation of cultural sites.
- Enhance guides and maps.
- Even if the park is closed, people will continue to use it as it is a rational alternative to trails located further south in Big Sur for locals.
- Address hazardous fuels in the parks, particularly Point Lobos.
- No to parking, no to tourism, and no to commercialism
- Start lobbying in Sacramento Make them understand that parks are not revenue producers;
 they provide enjoyment.
- Do not let parks become privatized.
- Transfer management at the earliest opportunity to Point Lobos Foundation or the Monterey Regional Park District. State Parks has failed in its mission to preserve the area.
- "The Coast to the Village" should be the core theme.
- Volunteer efforts should complement staff [efforts].
- There should be certain areas designated for multi-use (bike, hikes, dogs, and horses, where appropriate).
- A way to enforce "No dog" issues?: Use big signs (and the honor system): "No dogs Thanks for your cooperation, signed: The Deer, The Rabbits, The Birds, The Lizards!"
- Allow for uses of land such as north of Santa Cruz Wilder [Ranch] State Park farm practices.
- Don't let parks die because of misplaced funds.
- Laguna Seca is certainly a success though that is under the regional park system. Certain parks should be designated for certain commercial use – perhaps such as zip line, miniature golf, bungee jumping, etc.
- Traffic safety along Highway 1, parking along Highway 1, illegal U turns and pedestrians crossing Highway 1, garbage left behind along Highway 1, vandalism and auto break-ins along Highway 1- (Monastery Beach to the entrance of Point Lobos and beyond). These issues need to be addressed first or have priority before any expansion is considered.

Revenue

- <u>User fees</u>: Charge walk-ins at PLSNR (many comments); I would have no complaint with paying a
 reasonable users fee; charge a use fee at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. People parking on
 the highway don't pay.
- For a mile on either side of Point Lobos [Reserve] park entrance make it no parking anytime on the shoulder of Highway 1 and enforce it. Create a paid parking lot on the west side of the highway, just before the park entrance, there is a large house there overlooking Carmel Bay [Hudson House] and can be converted to visitor information center and contracted out for events. There is also trail access to the front entrance of the park. Charge a fee for parking. In addition, all the houses on Point Lobos Ranch can be used as short term [vacation] rentals.
- Allow donations for memorial benches (many comments)
- Fee on private car license renewals (many comments)
- Access to trails at Point Lobos Ranch could be given using a paid permit system this would generate funds, limit access, and preserve resources. (several comments)
- Sell equestrian day passes or annual passes to use a horseback riding facility.
- Revenue could be helped by having an annual pass program.
- I never mind paying parking and entrance fees because State Parks really needs the money.
- Revenue could come from interpretive opportunities.
- There should be a statewide fee charged to fund the State Parks. A \$10 fee at the DMV would

do it. This would NOT get you free admission. A new proposition should be started.

- Increase taxes or park fees
- Charge for parking (using parking meters)
- Charge for bathroom
- Develop docent programs create rewards programs that would lead to free passes in other parks
- No further trails or improvements should be done until state funds are available for employee salaries. There are not enough Rangers for the parks.
- The parks shouldn't make money but follow the State Parks mission of providing for human relaxation.
- Revenue should not be allowed to trump cultural preservation and protection responsibilities.
- Like that there are little to no fees
- Provide public and free access